

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communication filed 3/27/08.

Response to Amendment

2. Examiner acknowledges cancelled claims 4, 8-14, 16-23 and 26-27. Applicant's arguments, see remarks page 1 lines 18-24, filed 3/27/08, with respect to claim 15 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 USC 103 rejection of claim 15 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 15 and 24-25 (renumbered claims 1-3, 4-6, 7 and 8-9) are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory M. Desire whose telephone number is (571) 272-7449. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen Lillis can be reached on (571) 272-6928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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